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FIRE CREWS' MEDICAL PROJECT PILOT LAUNCHED IN TOWN

By Danielle Thompson

A PILOT project whereby fire and rescue service crews provide emergency medical assistance was launched in Ormskirk this week.

The Champion revealed earlier this year that the Ormskirk team was one of two in the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, along with Morecambe, chosen to trial the scheme – the first in the region – aimed at increasing emergency patients' survival rates.

And the six–month trial got underway on Monday (August 24), with fire crews teaming up with North West Ambulance Service to operate as life–saving Community First Responders.

During the trial period the fire crews will respond to Red 1 and Red 2 (immediately life–threatening) calls if ambulance service operators believe they can reach the scene fastest and will be sent out at the same time as an ambulance crew to supplement the ambulance service.

Firefighters John McNally, Mark Lamb, Graeme Spencer and George Price at Ormskirk Fire Station

The firefighters, already skilled in first aid and trauma training, were given an extra 20 hours of training by the North West Ambulance Service, to teach them additional skills including how to recognise a cardiac arrest, dealing with patients who are fitting, administering oxygen and dealing with an obstructive airway.

All fire crews carry defibrillators and oxygen, but those acting as responders will also be provided with equipment including suction units, pulse oximeters and bandages.

However, the fire service will still prioritise fires and will be re–directed if one occurs while en route to a medical call.

Derek Cartwright, North West Ambulance Service director of operations, said: "This is an extremely positive project and it's great to work with Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service on a scheme that will contribute to saving lives here in the North West.

"The ambulance service receives, on average, 260 calls for patients in life–threatening situations every day across Lancashire. This is our opportunity to use the fantastic expertise LFRS has in dealing with emergencies and get help to patients as quickly as possible.

"Rural and semi–rural towns like Ormskirk are a particular challenge for the ambulance service. If a patient suffers from a cardiac arrest for example, their chance of survival reduces by around 10% for every minute treatment is delayed – this scheme will provide additional protection for our patients in more sparsely populated areas. I would like to thank the LFRS and the fire crews for their contribution in getting the scheme underway."

Work pals take the plunge for cancer charities

TWO brave work colleagues are set to take the plunge by doing a 15,000–ft skydive for charity on Saturday, September 5.

Donald Warburton and Nichola Tilley, who both work at Hunters Funeral Directors in Burscough Street, Ormskirk, will take on the challenge at the Black Knight Parachute Centre in Lancaster to raise money for the national cancer charities, Marie Curie and Cancer Research UK.

Funeral service arranger, Donald, said: "Each day we deal with families who have sadly lost relatives with terminal illnesses and hear a lot about the wonderful care they have received from Marie Curie nurses.

"As the majority of their funding comes from charitable donations, Nichola and I wanted to do our bit so that Marie Curie and Cancer Research UK can continue to provide excellent care and conduct vital research."

Grateful

Administrator, Nichola, added: "Neither of us have done a skydive before but it is for an excellent cause and we hope that the local community will sponsor us to help us reach our £350 target for each charity."

Meaghan Annear, senior corporate account manager for Marie Curie, said: "We are very grateful to Nichola and Donald for taking on this brave challenge.

"The money they raise will enable Marie Curie to continue providing care and support to terminally ill patients and their families around the UK."

• ANYONE wishing to sponsor them can go to www.justgiving.com and search for Don–Warburton or Nichola–Tilley.

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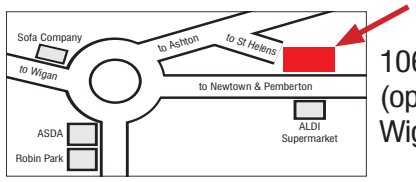

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Top 10 rating for Edge Hill in national student satisfaction survey

By Danielle Thompson

STUDENTS at Edge HILL University have rated it as one of the top 10 in England in a nationwide survey.

The National Student Survey is adjudged the most important measure of student satisfaction at UK Higher Education institutions and Edge Hill has sustained last year's record performance with a rating of of 4.2 out of 5.

Based on the responses to all 23 questions in the surrvey (which cover teaching, assessment and feedback, academic support, organisation and management, learning resources, personal development, overall satisfaction and satisfaction with the students' union) Edge Hill occupies a top 10 position amongst all English universities.

More than 300,000 final–year students from across the UK responded to the survey this year, from 155 Higher Education institutions.

Dr John Cater

Edge Hill University was ranked:

- Top in the UK for academic support on biology degrees
- Top in the UK for geography, physical geography and environmental science degrees
- Top in the UK for teaching on public relations degrees
- Second in the UK for overall satisfaction on law and criminology degrees
- Second in the UK for satisfaction across all questions and teaching on geology degrees
- Top in the North West for overall satisfaction and teaching on biology, business studies, computing and marketing with public relations degrees
- Top in the North West in every category on geography, environmental science and physical geography degrees.

Vice–Chancellor, Dr John Cater, said: "It is gratifying to know that our students continue to be highly satisfied with the Edge Hill student experience and in an academic year which has seen the institution named as University of the Year by Times Higher Education.

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Dave gets back on his bike to tackle Everest–sized test

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A CYCLIST who completed the gruelling Tour de France course on a Raleigh Chopper bike is all set to tackle another daunting challenge for charity on Saturday (August 29) – by cycling the equivalent of the height of Mount Everest!

Dave Sims conquered the Tour De France route last month on two adapted Chopper bikes after receiving a message of encouragement from two–times race winner, Chris Froome, en route.

The 36–year–old from Halsall finished his own 3,500km–challenge last month, 24 hours ahead of Froome and his fellow professionals in the main event – and raised more than £10,000 for the Help for Heroes charity.

A member of the Harry Middleton Cycling Club in Ormskirk, Dave has trained on the Chopper for months and plans to complete a variety of fundraisers to raise at least £15,000 this year for the charity, which provides direct, practical support for wounded, injured and sick servicemen, women and veterans and their families.

And this Saturday he will be back in the saddle to complete the iconic Alpe D'Huez nine successive times – which will equal the height of Everest!

L'Alpe d'Huez, is a mountain pasture in the Central French Alps which is used as part of one of the stages in the Tour de France.

Dave will have to cycle to 8,850metres in the nine rides to reach his goal.

Adaptations Dave has made to his bike included raising the seat post, extending the pedal arms, improving the brakes and reinforcing the wheels, although he kept the original tyres.

Dave Sims on his Raleigh Chopper

Last year he rode a Chopper in the 142–km Etape du Tour race and finished among the leaders in under eight hours. He has also previously done the full Tour de France route on road and mountain bikes.

He said: "Last week Help for Heroes invited me to one of their recovery centres, Phoenix House in Catterick, and I was able to see where the money that I have raised has gone and it was absolutely inspiring.

"I can't wait to keep fundraising for them and I hope to raise £15,000 for them by the end of the year."

• YOU can donate to Dave's appeal at teamchop.co.uk.

TV impressionist to host dramatic society's event

OFFICIALS of an amateur dramatics and musical society are hosting an entertainment event for past, current and future members.

The Sing For Your Supper–themed event on Friday, September 4 has been organised by the Ormskirk Pleasure Folk and will be compered by former member and well–known TV impressionist, Jon Culshaw.

It will feature entertainment from past and current members of the group, while potential new members are invited to go along to see if they would like to join.

Society officials, Jim Briscoe, said: "Acting as our MC for the night is an old Pleasure Folk member and now world–class impressionist, Ormskirk's very own Jon Culshaw, who is a life member of the society.

"Entertainment for the evening is being provided by current and past members singing songs that they've sung previously in Pleasure Folk shows, hopefully along with future members.

"We've invited some of our talented young people, not yet fully–fledged members, but who are currently working on a youth show that we are staging at the civic hall, written by Roald Dahl, called 'Revolting Rhymes.' These young people are really good.

Jon Culshaw

"If anyone would like to come along we always welcome new members."

The event starts at 7.30pm at Ormskirk Civic Hall. For more information ring 01695 733945.

Witness appeal after railway station burglary

BRITISH Transport Police are appealing for information after an office at Aughton Park railway station was broken into and cash stolen from a safe inside shortly before 2am on Thursday, July 23.

Investigating officer, Detective Constable Dominic Wilcox, said: "At around 1.50am, two men approached the entrance door to the station office and tried to force their way inside. After repeated attempts they headed to the rear of the station office and gained entry by removing a metal grill and a window unit.

"Once inside they smashed open the safe and took an amount of cash. Before leaving they sprayed cleaning fluid across the floor and desks."

DC Wilcox added: "CCTV shows that a couple of hours prior to the burglary, one of the same two men disabled the alarm system to the station office so that it would not activate when they returned.

"Both men were wearing hoods, one was wearing Nike tracksuit bottoms and a white or grey snood and the other a North Face coat."

Electrician wins five–figure compensation settlement after accident at work

AN Ormskirk electrician has secured more than £10,000 in compensation after an accident at work left him with an injury to his right foot, which affected his ability to walk.

Gary Clark was working at Liverpool Central Station when he was tasked to move a large draining pump, a machine used to prevent flooding on train tracks.

He placed the draining pump on to the only trolley made available to him but there was no way of securing it so it was left loose.

The lighting in the station was poor and while pushing the unsuitable trolley one of the wheels got caught in a pothole that he was unable to see, which caused it to topple over. As he attempted to upright the trolley, the pump fell off and landed on his right foot.

The Unite union member suffered severe bruising and swelling and injury was so significant that he could not walk and he was off work for nearly four months.

Report by **Henry James**

As a result of the accident, Gary needed 12 months of physiotherapy and was unable to enjoy his hobbies of football and running.

A member of union for 15 years, Gary contacted Unite Legal Services who instructed Thompsons Solicitors to pursue a claim for compensation on his behalf against Network Rail who run Liverpool Central Station.

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Gary said: "I was in agony and couldn't walk properly for 10 weeks. I had to give up playing football for a year, which was really frustrating as my injury not only affected my ability to work but also affected what I could and couldn't enjoy in my personal life.

"After my employer found out that I had sought legal advice for what had happened to me I was made to feel very unwelcome, so much so that I felt forced to find another job in the industry."

Mick Whitley, North West regional secretary at Unite, said: "The depot Gary was working in was badly lit, had uneven flooring and potholes everywhere. Add to that an unsuitable trolley with no way of securing items in place and this was an accident waiting to happen.

"Fortunately, Gary's employer admitted liability for the accident but it's a shame that he was made to feel so uncomfortable that he looked for a new job. Had his employer taken the proper steps to ensure a safe place of work in the first place, it would not have been forced to pay compensation and lose a valuable member of its team."

A spokesman for Network Rail said: "We are aware of the claim being made and are dealing with the matter with our insurers. However we cannot comment on individual cases."

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‘Good Samaritan’ prevents OAP handing over life savings to fraudsters

Report by **Henry James**

A TAXI driver who prevented a pensioner from handing over her life savings to a gang of bogus workmen has been hailed as a good Samaritan by police.

Mike Heyes from Skelmersdale suspected something was amiss when the elderly lady he picked up from a bank in Ormskirk told him she had withdrawn a large sum of money to pay builders who were doing work on the roof of her home in Burscough.

The woman had already given them a sizeable amount of money and they had driven her to the bank so that she could withdraw more. However, there was a queue at the bank and the men drove off without waiting for the woman, forcing her to phone a taxi to take her home – which is where Mike came in.

He said: “When I picked up this lovely old lady she was a bit flustered and I could tell that she was worried about something.

“Then she told me builders had knocked on her door and said that they had been working next door and spotted her roof needed work doing on it. I asked her if she had spoken to her neighbours but she said they were away.

“She had already paid them a big amount and they had taken her to the bank so she could withdraw more but there was a queue in the bank so they had driven off.

“She said the men were so friendly but I told her they were only being friendly because they were robbing her!

“She was even worried that she might have made them late for another ‘job’ in Preston by taking a long time in the bank.”

Although the woman wasn’t convinced she was being robbed, Mike persuaded her to let him phone the police.

“Even when I left she was completely unaware. They’d already had a hefty sum from her but luckily they didn’t get her life savings which she had just taken out of the bank.

“It was just so sad. I asked her to tell her family but she didn’t want to.”

Following the incident police launched an appeal via social media website Facebook which received more than 3,500 responses.

PC Amber Yahchouchi from the Ormskirk & Skelmersdale neighbourhood team, said: “Rogue traders and bogus builders are a big problem in all areas and there is definitely an increase in this type of crime with an ageing population.

“We need to get the message out to everyone to be vigilant as not everyone is on Facebook, especially some of the older community.”

A police spokesman added: “Crime prevention advice was given and the lady is now aware of such scams. Thank–you that man – a true good Samaritan.”

Mike Heyes

Final drugs gang member jailed

THE final member of a North West drugs gang has been jailed.

Graeme Hawkes, 29, of Carfield, Skelmersdale, was found guilty at Liverpool Crown Court of two counts of assisting an offender and sentenced to 18 months imprisonment.

In earlier trials, Gareth Mawdsley, 34, of Bleasdale Close, Aughton and James Moran, 33, of Banksbarn, Skelmersdale were sentenced to 16 and 10 years respectively for conspiracy to supply Class A drugs and money laundering offences.

Gerrard Gandy, 34, of Orrell Road, Wigan, was sentenced to 14 years.

And John Green, 30, of Windrows, Skelmersdale, was jailed for six years in November for possession of cocaine with intent to supply.

The men were arrested following Operation Taurus, an investigation by Lancashire Constabulary’s Serious and Organised Crime Unit (SOCU) which began in March 2014.

It was established that Gandy and Mawdsley were the leaders of the drugs gang, while Moran and Green were couriers of both drugs and cash.

The operation led to the recovery of 53kgs of cocaine, 150,000 ecstasy tablets and more than £250,000 in cash in total. The drugs had a street value of over £12 million.

Graeme Hawkes

Officers worked with Hampshire Police investigating the supply of cocaine, particularly in Skelmersdale, Lancashire, Merseyside and Hampshire.

Gareth Mawdsley’s partner, Kelly Carmichael, of Bleasdale Close, Aughton was also sentenced to eight months imprisonment suspended for two years, plus 240 hours unpaid work, for assisting an offender.

Hawkes’ sentence takes the total jail terms for the six to 47 years and six months.

Rob Smith, senior Crown Prosecutor for the North West Complex Casework Unit, said: “Gerrard Gandy and Gareth Mawdsley were the joint heads of the gang whilst James Moran and John Green were couriers for the drugs and money.

“When Gareth Mawdsley became aware other gang members were being arrested he quickly left the country, assisted by his partner Kelly Carmichael and Graeme Hawkes. Carmichael arranged for money to be sent to him and visited him whilst he was in Spain. Hawkes drove him, along with Gerrard Gandy, through the Channel Tunnel and on to Spain.

“Mawdsley and Gandy returned to the UK a few months later, once they thought the heat would have died down, but were soon arrested by police for their involvement in the operation.

“The Crown Prosection Service and police have worked closely together to bring strong cases against all six defendants resulting in their convictions and sentences. We will continue to work together to bring to justice all those involved in gangs, drugs and money laundering in order to clean up the streets of the North West for all law–abiding citizens to safely go about their daily lives.”

Earthquake appeal fundraiser

A CARER from Ormskirk who turned to busking to raise money for ongoing relief efforts in Nepal is holding another fundraising event tomorrow evening (Thursday, August 27).

David Jonker, 35, has visited the country three times teaching English to schoolchildren and has many friends in Kathmandu, which was severely damaged by the April earthquake that resulted in more than 9,000 deaths.

His busking efforts have raised almost £4,000 to date now he is staging a dinner and live music event from 8.30pm onwards at the Odyssey Bar and Diner in Burscough Street, Ormskirk.

David said: “There will be live performances and an open mic and we will also have a Marshall amplifier to auction off and a raffle draw with prizes including music lessons, health treatments, tattoo and piercing vouchers and a meal for two”

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MotorFest expected to draw bumper crowd

ORGANISERS are expecting thousands of visitors to flock to Ormskirk on Sunday (August 30) to enjoy one of the biggest free family days out in the North West.

The Ormskirk MotorFest promises to be a fantastic event for people of all ages to enjoy with more than 350 magnificent cars and motorcycles from all eras lining up in fantastic displays in the town centre and Coronation Park.

Some of the most eyecatching models will include a 1978 Williams Formula 1 car, and a Tatuus Formula Renault car, the type in which many of the current Formula 1 drivers started their careers, including double world champion Lewis Hamilton, Kimi Raikkonen and Daniel Ricciardo.

There will be fabulous Ferraris, Hot Rods and Porsches, and some of the very top vehicles will take part in a Concours d'Elegance competition.

Drivers of all ages involved in the Under–17 Motor Club North West will be showing off their skills in the Autosolo Challenge on the Park Pool car park at midday and passenger rides around the autosolo course with these top North West competitors will be available from 12.30pm for a donation to the North West Air Ambulance Service.

To be eligible to be a passenger you must be at least 1.35 metres tall. Under–18s who want to be a passenger must have a responsible adult with them to sign the appropriate forms.

Other exciting attractions include a superb vintage and handmade fair at the Chapel Gallery and on Ormskirk Bus Station car park.

A Charlie Chaplin lookalike will provide street entertainment and Skelmersdale Brass Band will be performing in Coronation Park from 2 to 4pm.

The fun starts at about 10.30am and runs through until about 5pm and many vehicles will take part in the parade laps between 2.30 and 4.30pm.

Ormskirk MotorFest is a free event organised by Aintree Circuit Club and supported by West Lancashire Borough Council.

Mike Ashcroft, Aintree Circuit Club chairman, said: "Whether you like classic cars and motorcycles from bygone eras, top class sports and competition cars, or even vehicles that are little bit quirky, then Ormskirk MotorFest has got it all for you. So come along and enjoy this fantastic day out the whole family."

Councillor John Hodson, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for planning, added: "We have a fantastic line–up of vehicles but there is much more for people of all ages to enjoy at MotorFest, so come along to Ormskirk for this fabulous event and enjoy one of the best days out you will have this year."

This year is the 60th anniversary of the first British Grand Prix to be held at Aintree and to celebrate the club has engaged the assistance of local Scalextric enthusiast Peter Molyneux in setting up a replica of the Aintree Circuit in the Masonic Hall, above O'Briens Tea Rooms from about 11am to 4pm.

Entrance is free and Formula 1 enthusiasts can drive the circuit in exchange for a small donation to the North West Air Ambulance Service.

For an extra contribution, enthusiasts can race a model Vanwall, the car which became the first British car to win a home Grand Prix when driven to success in the 1957 race by Stirling Moss and Tony Brooks.

A regular park and ride vintage bus service, priced at £5 per car, will operate from Edge Hill University for the MotorFest, starting at 10am. The service will take a break for the parade laps from 2.10pm and then resume for a short time at 4.30pm until MotorFest finishes.

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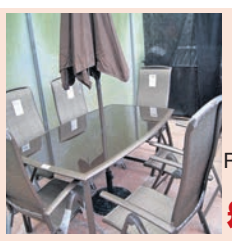

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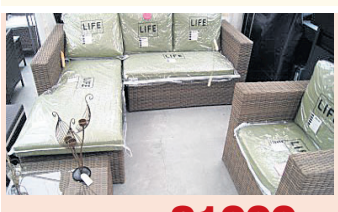

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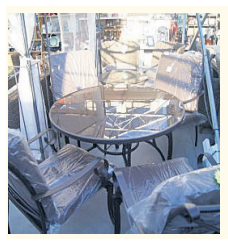

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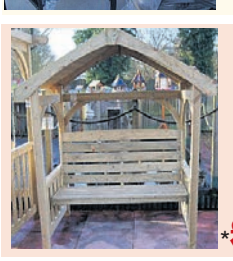

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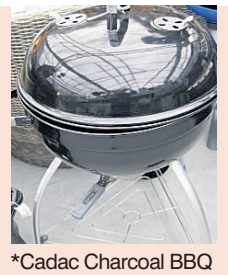

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Town's pupils celebrate GCSE exam success

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

PUPILS at St Bede's Catholic High School, Tarleton Academy and Ormskirk School are celebrating after passing their GCSEs with flying colours last week.

An impressive 80% of GCSE students passed at least 5 subjects with A*–C grades at Tarleton Academy and St Bede's High School, compared to 68.8% nationally, while the boys at Ormskirk School improved on last year's results.

All of the St Bede's students who took art, drama, media studies and music achieved a grade C or above. Some 87% of pupils passed their English GCSE graded A*–C, plus 84% of pupils in mathematics, 93% of pupils in science, 91% of pupils in history and 88% of pupils in both RE and geography.

Tarleton Academy pupils have been celebrating the academy's best GCSE results – with 20% of the pupils' grades A*/A. Students also achieved the school's best result, with 72% gaining five or more GCSE A*–C grades including English and maths.

At Ormskirk School more than 66% of the boys gained 5 A*–C while almost 150 of the school's entries were graded at A*.

Highly rated subjects included the separate sciences, German, art and performing arts, with 49% of the 47 entries graded A*.

St Bede's headteacher, Chris Horrocks, said: "The whole of St Bede's community, including staff, governors and parents is extremely proud of our magnificent Year 11 pupils. This is a year group full of exemplary young people who, from their early days at the school, embraced its ethos and embodied the values which the school holds so dearly. By the end of Year 11, they had developed into well–rounded young adults and they deserve fully the academic results they have achieved."

Tarleton Academy headteacher,Lesley Gwinnett, said: "We are tremendously proud of these results and we feel they are a wonderful reflection of the hard work and dedication of our students and staff. The results are particularly incredible when compared with the national picture.

"In a year which saw us achieve an Outstanding Inclusion Quality Mark and a glowing Ofsted report, these results represent the fantastic advances we have made in the last three years.

"It is particularly pleasing to see students achieving grades that reflect them as individuals. This was such a fantastic year group who absolutely deserve this success. I have no doubt they will go on to achieve wonderful things."

Ormskirk School headteacher, John Doyle, said: "Congratulations must go to the students who have gained excellent results which are testament to their hard work and to the dedication and skill of the teachers.

"It was the greatest pleasure to talk to one of our Year 11 students this morning who arrived at the school in 2010 with a statement of Special Educational Needs and gained an A*, 5 grade As and a Distinction in BTEC Engineering. Those results are a tribute to his resilience and it was also heart–warming to speak to his mother who told of the inspirational support he has received from his teachers during this time at school.

"At the same time we have experienced a lot of volatility in some subjects, especially in English where our results have fallen significantly. We are further investigating that and looking to get papers re–marked in the hope that students gain the grades their efforts and those of their teachers deserve."

Some of the St Bede's pupils pictured after receiving their GCSE results

Jumping for joy! Ormskirk School pupils celebrate their GCSE results

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CAB to pilot webchat advice service in West Lancs

IN a pilot scheme which will run throughout September, Lancashire West Citizens Advice Bureau will become the first outside London to offer a local advice service using live online webchat.

The project will give anyone direct access to trained bureau personnel from a number of community venues in the area.

The initiative is made possible mainly through the local Bureau's Community Champions scheme and means that trained champions at a number of venues will be able to link local people live to the advisers via computer keyboard.

Community Champion trainer, Linda Keenan, said: "Anyone can already contact us by phone, by dropping in to any of our offices or online at www.citizensadvice.org.uk, but the webchat pilot will provide another convenient means of access.

"Many large companies and organisations already use webchat to communicate with clients because it is so easy and convenient and now we are able to extend the same facility to everyone in our area."

In West Lancashire the webchat sessions will be held throughout September at Quarry Bank Community Association, Ormskirk Road, Skelmersdale on Mondays from 9am to 12.30pm, starting September 7 and at Greenhill Community Hub, Birleywood, Skelmersdale on Wednesdays from 12.30 to 4pm, starting September 2.

The Community Champion and webchat initiatives are run by Lancashire West Citizens Advice Bureaux in partnership with Age UK Lancashire, Key Youth Charity, The Liberty Centre and Disability Advice West Lancs, and funded by the National Lottery's Big Lottery Fund.

CAB Community Champion support workers, Emma Pickering and Linda Keenan get ready for the webchat pilot scheme.

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Sports clubs stage special challenge in memory of Russ

Report by **Tom Martin**

Development trust charity set to benefit from cricket clash

• LEFT: Ormskirk Rugby Club and Hightown St Mary's Cricket Club stalwart, Russ Brennan who died after a brave battle with cancer. His former clubmates are joining forces to stage a charity cricket match in his memory.

TWO local sports clubs will join forces to honour one of their members who lost his battle with a rare form of cancer earlier this year.

Players from Ormskirk Rugby Club and Hightown St Mary's Cricket Club will lock horns in a special cricket match to commemorate the life of Russ Brennan, who represented both with distinction over many years.

Russ, who lived in Ainsdale, was a member of both clubs notching up more than 40 years service. He was a successful player, captain and committee member, who was also honoured as a life member of Ormskirk RUFC in 2011.

The special match is also being held in an effort to raise funds for a charity that has been set up in his memory.

The 30–overs–a–side match will take place at Sandy Lane, home of Hightown St Mary's CC, on Sunday, August, 30 starting at 1.30pm, and will build on the success of last year's game, which Russ himself courageously took part in, raising several thousand pounds in the process.

Simon Trapnell, chairman of Hightown St Mary's, said: "Russ was a superb ambassador for grass–roots sport and we can think of no finer tribute than to play a competitive match in his honour.

"Funds raised at the event will all go to the 'Raise for Russ Development Trust', which has been set up up to support and develop young sports people in the area – something that Russ was extremely passionate about.

"We look forward to welcoming our friends at Ormskirk Rugby Club and hope the day is a resounding success and one that Russ himself would be proud of."

Last year a number of fundraising events, including charity rugby and cricket matches and the successful completion of the 24–hour National Three Peak Challenge by players from both clubs, all helped to raise almost £10,000 for the two cancer charities that supported Russ throughout his illness, The R Charity at Royal Liverpool Hospital and Anthony Nolan.

There will be a fundraising raffle on the day, stalls and a bouncy castle for children and the bar will be open throughout with hot and cold food available.

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Scouts from the 37th Ormskirk (St Anne's) troup get a send–off from Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Nikki Hennessy. Code1083404

Civic send–off for Austria–bound Scouts

ORMSKIRK Scouts were given a civic send–off on their camping trip to Austria by Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Nikki Hennessey.

The mayor met 64 members of the 37th Ormskirk (St Anne's) group before they set off by coach on their annual 10–day adventure trip camping in Austria.

The organisation helps children and young adults to develop skills including teamwork, time management, leadership, initiative, planning, communication, self–motivation, cultural awareness and commitment.

Scouts take part in activities as diverse as kayaking, abseiling, expeditions overseas, photography, climbing, survival skills and first aid training. They offer young people the chance to have fun, make friends, get outdoors and experience the wider world.

Cancer charity shop in need of more volunteers

Ormskirk Cancer Research UK shop manager Matt Unsworth with volunteer Brenda, who's been with the charity for more than 15 years

THE manager of the Cancer Research UK shop in Ormskirk is urging more volunteers to give up their time – and help to 'kick–start' their CV.

Matt Unsworth, who runs the Burscough Street store, is appealing for volunteers and also for more donations of clothing, toys and bric–a–brac.

He said: "Ormskirk is shouting out for new volunteers. The team currently consists of 25 volunteers, all with individual talents and abilities, but there is always room for more.

"Each day we get closer to curing cancer.

"I have an amazing team here. Our new volunteer recruitment campaign is an excellent opportunity to come in store and enquire about the job roles we offer, from stock management to customer service.

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Village set for first arts and music festival

By **Danielle Thompson**

Dave Reid's picture of the canal view in Parbold

PARBOLD villagers are set to enjoy the area's first arts and music festival next month.

Community group Parbold Unlimited are hosting the Parbold Street Festival of Arts and Music on Saturday and Sunday, September 5 and 6 at 12 venues.

As well as live bands, there will be a market with food and drink stalls – including German sausage and beers, ciders and a hog roast – and a children's bouncy castle and entertainment.

One of the event organisers, Dave Reid, said: "The festival will celebrate everything good about the village.

"Part of the Common, Station Road and Mill Lane will be closed to through traffic to enable the street to be filled with stalls, food, music and entertainment. A children's bouncy playground will be sited on the Royal Bank of Scotland car park.

"A big stage will be erected on the car park behind the Railway Hotel and a full programme of performances has been lined up for the weekend.

"So far, confirmed artists include Pick Six, a ukulele band and The Liverpool Shanty Kings, who usually perform on Liverpool's Docklands for the maritime events.

"Over the Sun and Under the Moon, and recording stars On the Line will be on stage on Saturday afternoon and Burly Chassis will provide the 'rock' for the Rock fest. Local singer/guitarist Brian Gold will take to the stage on Sunday.

"Organisers, Parbold Unlimited, have, with the help of West Lancashire Borough Council and Parbold Community Association, been awarded an Arts Council Grant of £15,000 to support the creative elements of three theatrical performances and public participation in the legend of Parbold Hill.

"The Wayfarer brewery/pub will hold a beer festival, the Stocks Tavern will have a German beer and sausage event and the Windmill will be the site of our 'market place' with a hog roast and cider event.

"Saturday night on the canal will host a Festival of Light with barges from Douglas Valley Cruising Club lit up with fairy lights.

"At 10am on Sunday there will be a church event on the big stage with music and performances.

"This will be followed by a Duck Race on the canal at 1pm and Lancashire Fire Service have kindly offered to provide a tender and pumps to create waves on the canal.

"Events will continue until 6pm and the event will close with a musical film at the village hall."

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Why should we put this professional, caring service out to tender?

FOLLOWING a number of falls, I have recently been very fortunate to have had the Falls Prevention Service from Hilldale at Ormskirk Hospital take care of me.

They were very professional, patient, caring, understanding and prompt in their care. The physio exercises and provision of aids have benefitted me to a degree I only fully realised after they had completed the work.

I don't see why they need to be subjected to tender as we all know what's possible after this exercise takes place. The privatisation will bring cost–cutting measures which will include redundancies and facilities available being reduced or removed etc.

We should be taking a note off Jeremy Corbyn, which is to retain our services within our local councils and hospitals, not to have them privatised where profits come first and are more important than the care of the patients.

It is important for us that as many people as possible make their voices heard, along with local councillors, and ask our MP Rosie Cooper her views.

P. McElhinney,
Ashurst, Skelmersdale

No need to have a go at our park!

AS Mr Etherington (Letters, August 19) is very happy with Stanley Coronation Park and has taken issue with those who criticise it, I wonder why he decided to have a side–swipe at Ormskirk's Coronation Park?

Perhaps he is not aware that the Ormskirk park has a small but hard–working Friends group who help to promote the park and support the park ranger with her conservation work. A group of student volunteers from Edge Hill University have also given their time to assist.

Burscough's Richmond Park is smaller than Ormskirk's but has a Friends group too. As the same ranger has responsibility for all three parks maybe Mr Etherington could consider approaching her with a view to forming a Friends group for Skelmersdale's Coronation Park?

Dennis Walton, Ormskirk

Safer roads are what's needed to encourage more people to get on their bikes in Ormskirk

WHEN Cycling Experience stated in a report (Champion, February 2013) that 'Ormskirk is the worst town in Britain for cyclists' and that 'the one–way system is a death trap for cyclists and pedestrians', I don't think they were saying that a bike–hire scheme would resolve the problems.

If the council want to get more people on bikes they should be working on a safe enviroment for cyclists.

The Cycling in Ormskirk literature put out by the council states that 'in many ways Ormskirk is ideal for cycling:the town is flat.' Where?

It also suggests using the quiet roads to get to Ormskirk School and the hospital – again, where?

It suggests cycling through Coronation Park!

I hope they are not going to allow cycling through the town centre when that's finished.

There is also a cycle path through the hospital which is like an army assault course.

Southport and Liverpool are being positive about cyclists on the road, why can't Ormskirk?

H. Pennington,
Ormskirk

PICTURE of the week

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A Steller's Sea Eagle swoops in to enthral the crowds watching Ben Potter's Birds of Prey flying display at the Southport Flower Show. Picture by Martyn Snape

Thanks to fellow shoppers who came to my rescue after fall

WHILE in Ormskirk the other Saturday shopping in Moor street I slipped and fell.

It was raining at the time and this, allied to the new pavement they are putting down – complete with gutters that I have informed the council are far too deep – I assume was why I fell.

But the spirit of fellowship is alive and kicking in this town as quite a few people gathered to help me.

They made sure that I had not damaged myself and picked me up and put me back on my feet, after ensuring that I was really OK.

I would like to thank these fellow shoppers and hope that not too many others suffer the same incident.

Jean Rimmer, Skelmersdale

Call to support charity's drugs Bill campaign

THE Off–patent Drugs Bill will be voted on in Parliament on November 6. I support this vital piece of legislation which could benefit hundreds of thousands of patients across the UK.

Supported by Breast Cancer Now, the UK's largest breast cancer charity, the Bill is designed to address the problem of making drugs that have fallen out of patent, but have since proved effective for clinical uses outside of their original licence, routinely available on the NHS.

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Neglecting the clinical benefits of off–patent drugs is a huge oversight, especially as these drugs tend to be very low–cost. Given the budgetary constraints on the NHS, surely this is exactly the type of opportunity that decision–makers should be embracing.

I would encourage others to add their support by visiting breastcancernow.org/unlockdrugs.

Michael Cook, by email

Passing of colourful Skem character marks end of an era

THE end of a Skem era was reached with the recent, very sudden, passing of John Twist.

It was an era of manners, respect, love of sport – especially football and even more especially Everton FC – wearing collar and tie to football matches, fun, banter, mickey–taking and not forgetting to mention smoking and drinking!

Although John moved to London many years ago he was still fondly remembered and often visited by his many Skem mates.

Ok, he wasn't everybody's cup of cocoa and could be a bit of a pain, loud–mouthed and rub people up the wrong way, not least of all me, but then he was an Evertonian!

Seriously, there was no bigger Evertonian when he lived in Skem, never missing an Everton game, home or away, for many years.

John was a lover of many sports, including cricket and attended many Lancashire matches as well as England Test matches.

He was also, as a spectator at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium, part of perhaps Britain's finest–ever sporting achievement, the 2012 London Olympics.

John's funeral was held in London and was, in respect of his wishes, a very quiet, private affair.

John will be very sadly missed by his many Skem mates, not least of all this Kopite, and we'll be gathering at one of John's former drinking haunts The Knowl Brow (now known as The Coach House) on Saturday, September 5 at 1pm to celebrate his often colourful life.

Rest In Peace, John and Nil Satis Nisi Optimum.

Peter Etherington,
Uppingham, Skelmersdale

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Parks keep flag flying for borough in green space awards scheme

Report by **Henry James**

BOROUGH council staff and volunteers have been praised for keeping two local parks among the best in the country.

Coronation Park in Ormskirk and Beacon Country Park in Up Holland have retained their Green Flag Awards, which show visitors the parks are well–maintained by West Lancashire Borough Council and have excellent facilities.

At Coronation Park the judge met with staff and volunteers and was given a tour of the site by the ranger and carried out a thorough assessment of the management plan, activity programme, and engagement with the local community.

The council said he was so impressed that he gave the park an increased score on last year, raising the park to join some of the best in the country.

Another judge visited Beacon Country Park in a 'secret shopper' exercise and was also very impressed.

The symbol of the prestigious Green Flag Award

ACHIEVEMENT

This is the ninth successive year that Beacon Country Park has retained this prestigious status and the eighth year in a row for Coronation Park.

The Green Flag award scheme, co–ordinated by the Keep Britain Tidy group, recognises and rewards the best green spaces in the country.

Council staff and local volunteers work hard all year round to ensure the parks are maintained to high standards and are places that the public will enjoy visiting.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's cabinet member for leisure, said: "It is a wonderful achievement to have retained Green Flag status for yet another year.

"Receiving such recognition from national experts is a real tribute to hard–working council staff and local volunteers who do a tremendous job of making our parks such fantastic places to visit."

And Councillor Kevin Wilkie, cabinet member for street scene, commented: "Staff will continue to work hard to maintain the very high standards necessary to keep these awards and make our parks places that West Lancashire people can be proud of.

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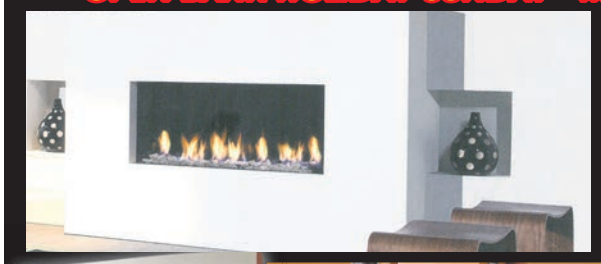

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‘Sugar swaps’ urged in bid to tackle obesity

FAMILIES in Lancashire are being encouraged to make ‘sugar swaps’ – substituting healthier foods and drinks for sugary ones – after it was revealed that a fifth of 10 to 11–year–olds are obese, while almost two–thirds of adults are overweight or obese, with sugar being declared a major cause of this.

Health professionals at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust are urging parents to cut sugary drinks from their child’s diet and reduce their daily sugar intake.

Recent figures show that sugary drinks are the highest contributor of sugar to the diets of four to 10–year–olds with 30% coming from soft drinks and fruit juices.

The trust is encouraging families to make a combined effort, while setting a good example, to make small changes to their diets such as swapping sugary cereals for wholegrain options and switching sugary drinks after school for a glass of chilled skimmed or semi–skimmed milk.

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County highways chief calls for special fund to protect rural bus services

LANCASHIRE County Council's highways chief is calling on the government to establish a special fund to protect rural bus services, warning that subsidies are under threat due to the tight squeeze on council budgets.

County Councillor John Fillis, the county's cabinet member for highways and transport, has written to leaders of district councils in Lancashire, along with MPs and Euro MPs, seeking their support in asking the government provide specific funding to make sure rural areas are not left without public transport.

Most bus services in Lancashire are run on a commercial basis, attracting enough passengers to allow operators to make a profit. However, a number of quieter routes, mostly in rural areas, don't make enough from fares to cover costs and rely on subsidies provided by the county council.

In the letter, County Councillor Fillis, writes: "I am writing to you to ask for your support in recognising the importance of public transport in rural areas and calling on the government to establish an identifiable, dedicated fund to maintain and improve bus services in these areas. This is a cross–party and boundary issue that unites us all.

County Councillor John Fillis

"Despite the unprecedented economic climate, Lancashire County Council has managed to maintain bus services right across the county at a cost of £7 million pounds a year. As the effects of continued austerity deepen this is no longer sustainable.

"A number of commercial bus operators have actually withdrawn services from some villages, despite the fact that they were being subsidised by the people of Lancashire.

"People using the bus services are often elderly, young or families living on low incomes just trying to get on with their day–to–day lives – going to work or school, meeting family or friends, shopping, visiting their GP or attending hospital appointments. All these normal activities are and will be affected by the lack of transport, changing the very nature of the areas as our residents are put at risk of becoming more isolated and seeing their opportunities restricted.

"Rural areas right across the country have suffered more than most when it comes to service provision. A recent national Association of Transport Co–ordinating Officers survey said that in order to maintain existing levels of support for socially necessary local buses, budgets would have to increase by an average of 4.4% whereas in practice local authority budgets were reduced by 2.2%.

"We believe that government can and should establish a rural transport fund to help to support these communities. I hope you will support us by writing on behalf of the people you represent to Patrick McLoughlin, Secretary of State for Transport asking him to establish such a fund."

Lancashire County Council financially supports more than 100 bus services throughout the county.

Hospital trust board meeting

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust will hold its next board meeting on Wednesday, September 2 starting at 9am.

The meeting will be held in the Clinical Education Centre at Southport and Formby District General Hospital.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the meeting. Anyone with a special requirement should contact the trust in advance on 01704 704783.

The agenda will be available on the trust website in advance of the meeting. Supporting papers will be made available on the day.

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Bird lovers urged to help fatten up our feathered friends ahead of colder months

BIRD lovers in West Lancashire are being urged to put out food now to help young birds to fatten up ahead of the end of the autumn and winter.

National charity the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) has offered tips to help birds, and in particular starlings, which are on the decline in Britain.

Sightings of starlings in gardens have declined by 80% since 1979 and they are UK 'red listed' meaning that they are of highest conservation concern.

Despite it being late August, birds in and around gardens, including favourite like robins and blackbirds, are still incubating eggs, feeding chicks in the nest or have vulnerable just–fledged chicks that can't yet fly properly.

With some birds nesting up until the end of this month, it's important that garden clearance is delayed until September at the earliest.

Birds will appreciate a variety of food all year round, but fatty food will be especially helpful.

For example, fat balls or homemade bird cakes made with lard and packed with seeds, fruit or dried mealworms are great treats to put out in the garden.

Kitchen scraps will work well and a good recipe for feeding birds might include chopped fat from unsalted meat, cheese, dried fruit, and pastry.

RSPB wildlife advisor, Ben Andrew, said: "Starlings are very bold and boisterous birds, one that most people will have spotted in their gardens or in an outdoor space. It may therefore come as a surprise to know that starlings have declined quite significantly over the past 30 years.

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Praise for scheme to reduce youth re–offending

By Danielle Thompson

LANCASHIRE'S police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, has praised a scheme which aims to divert young people away from crime.

Earlier this year the commissioner awarded £175,000 to Child Action North West's Triage Scheme, which aims to prevent young people from re–offending and slipping deeper into the criminal justice system by assessing them much earlier than before.

Participants have been doing work in their communities with Child Action North West (CANW) on behalf of the Youth Offending Teams as a way of 'paying back' for offences they have committed.

If a young person commits an offence for the first time, a member from the Triage Service at CANW will work with them to make sure the right level of support is given.

Clive Grunshaw

Valuable

Taking part in the programme means the young people do not get a criminal record for their first offence.

Mr Grunshaw said: "It is a pleasure to celebrate the excellent and valuable work of Child Action North West across Lancashire. I am committed to ensuring services are in place county–wide which reduce re–offending rates and give vulnerable young people the opportunities they need to turn their lives around.

"Child Action North West is a charity which does both those things, and I am delighted to be able to support it. It is important that young people are not criminalised unnecessarily, but rather are offered the opportunity to learn from their mistakes and make amends – and realise that they are capable of achieving positive things in their communities.

"This is what the young people involved in the scheme have done and it was brilliant to see. I would like to congratulate them on their hard work. They should be very proud of what they have achieved."

Faith Marriott, criminal justice service manager at Child Action North West, added: "Triage has served the communities since 2009 and we have clear evidence of young people making amends to victims and communities, understanding consequences of their behaviours but importantly reducing first time entrants into the criminal justice system."

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Fastrack officer at Edge Hill, Ann Kennedy, said: "Working on the Fastrack programme is extremely hard but a privilege. Students are often leaving a job to go back and study, so are giving up so much and show so much determination during the intensive programme. They are putting their lives in our hands for a few weeks and it is amazing to watch them develop over the weeks."

For more information visit edgehill.ac.uk.

Chance to help mayor's charities and celebrate West Lancashire at Rufford Old Hall event

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THERE'S still time to book your tickets for a fabulous charity concert at Rufford Old Hall which aims to celebrate the borough.

A fantastic line–up of acts has been organised by the Mayor of West Lancashire' Charity Committee for the 'Celebrating West Lancashire' event to be held in the park at the Old Hall on Saturday, September 5.

Running from 3 to 8pm there will be a wide range of musical entertainment at the event, including opera singer Lisa Tatler, crooner David Ashley and boy rock band Sluge.

The Skelmersdale Singers choir are also performing along with guitarist, Thomas Wharton, Georgia Gagen, who sings a mixture of ballads and up–tempo songs, and three young performers from CD Music of Rufford.

Worthy causes

Dancers from Divine Days and Lancashire Youth Performing Arts will also take the stage, while variety act Jess Hill will be showing off her fire–eating and stilt–walking skills to entertain the crowds.

All proceeds from the event will go to the mayor's charities, Lancashire Young Carers – which is funded by Barnardo's, Lancashire County Council and local health authorities – and the Alzheimer's Society in West Lancashire.

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Nikki Hennessy, said: "I am really pleased that so many talented acts are giving up their time to perform to help raise money for these two very worthy causes. They are all from West Lancashire which is in keeping with our theme of celebrating West Lancashire."

There will also be lots of craft stalls celebrating what the borough has to offer, and fun for all the family with face painting and many more attractions.

Visitors can bring their own picnic and tables and chairs and blankets and enjoy a great afternoon of entertainment.

Tickets are £8 for adults but accompanied children can get in for free.

They are available from Ann England at West Lancs Council on 01695 585033 or e–mail ann.england@westlancs.gov.uk; or you can pay at the gate on the day.

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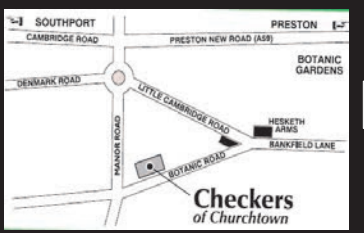

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Police go hi–tech to improve road safety

Mobile cameras will zoom in on drivers using phones or not wearing seat belts

Report by **Henry James**

MOBILE camera technicians are now being used to detect people driving while using a mobile phone or failing to wear a seat belt.

As well as detecting speeding offences, the camera technicians are now able to detect these other offences while they are carrying out their enforcement activity.

Where eligible, motorists using their phone will be offered the opportunity to attend the national 'What's Driving Us?' diversionary course and those not wearing a seat belt may be offered the national online seat belt course – both of which are an alternative to prosecution.

Lancashire Constabulary's assistant chief constable, Tim Jacques, chair of the Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety executive board, said: "Sadly we see too many drivers illegally using their mobile phones for calls or even worse texting when they are driving. All the relevant agencies across Lancashire want to address this and the Road Safety Partnership is using its resources to do so. Our aim is to change the behaviour of those who illegally use a phone or don't wear a seat belt.

"From January 1 to the end of June, 22 people were killed on Lancashire's roads, 377 were seriously injured and over 2,000 people received less serious injuries. We want to make our roads safer by working together."

Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for highways and transport, County Councillor John Fillis, added: "There has been an enormous growth in technologies which can provide a potential distraction to drivers and there appears to be an increasing problem with those who think it's acceptable to put other priorities ahead of their and other people's safety.

Assistant chief constable Tim Jacques

"However, there's absolutely no excuse and I hope this new development in police mobile enforcement provides a deterrent to those drivers who have clearly not considered the potential consequences of taking their attention off the road.

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Rob makes semis of national slimming contest

A MAN from Skelmersdale reached the later stages of a competition to find the UK and Ireland's top male slimmers.

Robert Constantine was chosen for a place in the semi–finals of Slimming World's Man of the Year 2015 contest from hundreds of entrants.

The 60–year–old is is now an incredible 13st 2lbs lighter than when he first joined Slimming World's Old Skelmersdale group in July 2012. He said: "When I went to the group for the first time I was worried I'd be the only man there but everyone was really welcoming and I was proud of making the semi–finals of the competition."

Don't miss out on the school of your choice

Parents urged to register children asap as online applications go 'live' next week

PARENTS in the county are being urged to enrol their children early in order to secure places at their preferred primary or secondary schools for the academic year beginning September 2016.

Online applications for Lancashire school places go 'live' next Tuesday, September 1 with the closing date for secondary schools October 31 and for primary schools, January 15 next year.

Last year 97% of parents applied online for primary and secondary school places.

Children start primary school in the September after their fourth birthday.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "The number of people who chose to apply online last year was really impressive. It really is a quick, easy and secure way to apply for school places.

"I would encourage parents to go online as soon as possible after the application process goes live on September 1 so they can familiarise themselves with the process and take a look at the admissions criteria of the schools they're considering.

"Unfortunately some applications come in late every year and these simply can't be considered at the same time as those we receive on time. So, it is much better to be prepared early rather than rushing your application close to the deadline. This way there is time to spare to sort out any problems or get any advice.

"It is important to remember as well that having a child already at a school does not automatically mean that a brother or sister will be allocated a place – you must still apply."

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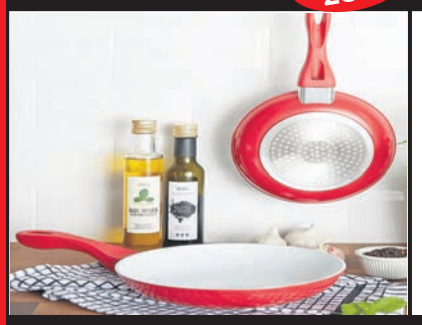

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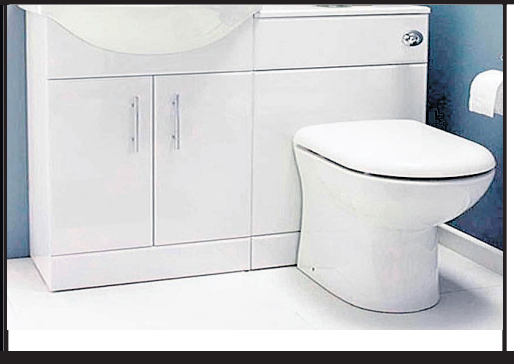

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Garden party raises £1,255 for charity

A BIG–hearted West Lancashire couple raised a four–figure sum for a children's charity by staging a summer garden party.

John and Alma Mercer held the party at their Bickerstaffe home on Saturday, August 15 and raised the grand total of £1,255 for Mawdesley–based Legacy Rainbow House which provides specialist therapy and education for children with disabilities, brain injuries and life–limiting conditions.

More than 70 people attended the event, which boasted Alma's home–made cakes and refreshments, merchandise for Rainbow House, a mini–shooting range and a mini bouncy castle, in addition to many other games and stalls.

Some of the visitors to the fundraising garden party in Bickerstaffe

Alma's son, Stew Cranage, said: "John and Alma are thrilled with the total raised and wish to thank everyone for the support shown."

Still no end of line in sight for Pacers

Union boss claims rolling stock crisis has signalled move to bring more 'ancient and unpopular' trains back into service

THE boss of Britain's biggest rail union believes that re–nationalising the railways is the only way to ensure that ageing stock – including the Pacer trains that use the Southport–Manchester line through West Lancs – will be replaced by modern units.

Mick Cash, general secretary at transport union RMT, spoke out after it was revealed that a shortage of rolling stock had forced National Rail to bring back British Rail Class 37 diesel locomotives, known as 'slam–door' carriages, in Cumbria.

He claimed that the only way to ensure that old rolling stock – including 'slam–door' carriages, Pacers and adapted decommissioned London Underground tube trains – are not used, is through public ownership of the railways.

Campaign groups have long objected to the use of Pacers on the Southport–Manchester line and have called for them to be replaced with more modern trains.

Mr Cash said: "The crisis in availability of rolling stock, as passenger demand for rail services surges ahead, is just part of the toxic legacy of two decades of rail privatisation which created the murky world of the rolling stock operating companies and has left us desperately short of trains and carriages.

"The fact that 50–year–old diesel units, scrounged from the nuclear authorities, are pulling vintage slam–door carriages around the north makes a nonsense of George Osborne's Northern Powerhouse rhetoric.

"The lashed–up Pacers, supposed to be a short term solution in the 80s, are still in operation indefinitely and speculation that decommissioned tube trains will be thrown onto our railways shortly just adds to the overall picture of total chaos."

Earlier this year the Champion launched a 'Replace the Pacers' campaign backing calls from local transport groups to rid our lines of the hugely unpopular trains.

Hopes were raised they would be phased out when Chancellor George Osborne announced last autumn that modern rolling stock would replace the 'ancient and unpopular' Pacers used on Northern Rail routes.

However, it then transpired that the outdated carriages will not be replaced until 2020 at the earliest, much to the anger of campaigners.

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Prince's Trust team in search for new recruits

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

YOUNG people aged 16 to 25 are being invited to join up to a scheme which aims to give them the skills to help them to move into employment, further education or training.

The Ormskirk branch of the the Prince's Trust team programme still has free places on the next 12–week development course, starting on Monday, September 21, Team 9, which includes a fully–paid, four–day residential project.

The Prince's Trust also place young people in a two–week work environment suitable for that person, which will enable them to gain valuable work experience and an appropriate reference.

Volunteers will gain a qualification at the conclusion, along with other certificates.

The free course is appropriate for a range of people and additional support is offered to those who need it. Taking part in the programme will not affect Jobseekers' benefits.

The team will be based at Ormskirk College on Hants Lane and the project will run until Friday, December 11.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in taking part, contact Ormskirk team leader Jonathon Marlow on 07870 168529 or email jonathon.marlow@westlancs.ac.uk.

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Countdown to Southport Town & Country Fair...

Something's in the air as fearless high fliers set to wow Bank Holiday crowds

FREESTYLE Motocross has become a leading spectator attraction since it took–off just a few years ago and is now one of the country's leading crowd–pullers.

And anyone unfamiliar with it need look no further than Southport Town & Country Fair over the Bank Holiday weekend at The Leisure Lakes, the Gravel, Mere Brow.

There will be a packed programme of events over all three days, Saturday, Sunday and Monday (August 29–31) but the Broke FMX team will be giving three, breathtaking, displays only on Sunday and Monday.

The riders will perform acrobatic stunts at up to 35 feet above the ground (around the height of an average house) and over ground distances in excess of 100 feet.

And just in case you don't believe what you are seeing the riders even provide an on–board commentary while performing some of their hair–raising stunts.

Between displays show–goers can visit the Broke FMX interactive stand, meet the riders and a get a close–up of both them and their machines.

Leader of the Leyland–based team, John Pearson said: "We have spent around ten years travelling the world, pushing the boundaries of FMX and setting new, high, standards for other motorcycle display teams to follow.

"We came to Southport for the first time last year – to the country fair – and we were really impressed with how enthusiastic and knowledgeable the crowd were. So we are really looking forward to this year's show."

The fourteenth Southport Town & Country Fair takes place between 10am and 5.30pm on all three days.

Other attractions at the show include a dog arena with fun dog shows (Saturday and Sunday only 1.30pm approx.) organised by Battersea Dogs and Cats Home with prizes and rosettes for the Class Winners. Classes include handsomest'dog, best biscuit catcher, golden oldie, waggiest tail and the not–to–be–missed 'fastest sausage eater' – so bring along the family's best friend.

Southport photographer Diana Celine will be providing each class winner with a free 10x8 ins. portrait of their choice.

The Broke FMX team in action

The popular Creature House will return and include the North West Reptile Society, Banks Homing Pigeon Society, ferrets and, still–to–be–confirmed, budgerigars.

Other attractions will include alpacas (Sunday only), duck–racing, ferret–racing, goat–racing, the 'North West Stick–Makers' and birds of prey, while Jema Leopold's Performing Horses and Ponies, air–rifle shooting with the Tawd Vale Shooting Club, and antiques and Egyptian artifacts, are all sure to be big favourites.

Tickets are £6 for adults or just £5 if booked in advance via the Ticket Hotline on 01704 212734.

Children (over three years) can attend free on Saturday and until 12noon on Sunday – and £2 thereafter. A family ticket for two adults and three children is £16.00.

Green–fingered couple celebrate allotment win

A GREEN–fingered couple from Hesketh Bank were celebrating after being named joint winners of the allotment category in the parish council's 'Best Kept' competition.

Fred and Susan Smith, the owners of Plot 37 on Hesketh Bank Allotments, won the category in Hesketh Bank Parish Council's annual competition and were presented with two tickets to the Southport Flower Show last week.

The couple have had the plot for three years, because they don't have a big garden at home and they really enjoy it.

Fred said: "It is a very social community and we are very lucky to have Farringtons of Guide Road who supply a lot of the plants for free. Although it can be hit–and–miss with what grows we have got some really good crops this year. We are even considering entering the Hesketh Bank Horticultural Show in September."

Fred and Susan Smith at their award–winning allotment in Hesketh Bank

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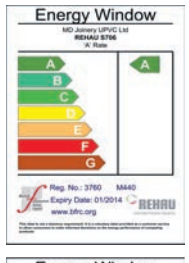

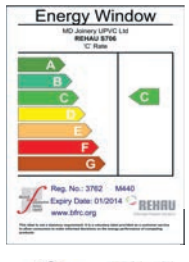

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Entrepreneurs back apprenticeship scheme

Report by **Henry James**

AN apprenticeship scheme designed to give ambitious young people opportunities to build careers at dynamic small businesses has been launched across Lancashire.

The Entrepreneurs Circle Apprenticeship Programme is backed by some of the UK's leading entrepreneurs and aims to change the way in which young people are trained for the workplace.

Skillwise, the UK apprenticeship provider, has devised and developed the training package with the support of the Entrepreneurs Circle (EC), which will see the first 250 hand–picked apprentices begin their training next month. And it is urging 17 to 23–year–olds to apply for a coveted place on the scheme, which will see learners working for 12 to 14 months with one of the local businesses that have signed up to the programme.

Successful applicants will first undertake a rigorous 10–week traineeship, including a two–week residential at one of several Skillwise Academies across the country, learning how to deliver marketing and social media support for their new employers. Successful completion will see

Katie Bulmer–Cooke

apprentices attaining a Level 1 certification in business administration.

This will be followed by a 12 to 14 month in–work apprenticeship and another two–week residential course which will see learners attain a level 2 certificate in business administration, an NVQ in business administration and an EC post–graduate certificate in business and marketing.

More information is available at www.mynew apprentice.co.uk/dreamjob.

The scheme has already received significant support from entrepreneurs and bosses.

Nigel Botterill, founder of the Entrepreneurs Circle who has launched a number of multi–million pound businesses, said: "It's a compelling combination. What holds most business owners back is finding the time to get stuff done and the costs of employing someone to help are often prohibitive at the start when they don't yet have the right skill set."

Katie Bulmer–Cooke, former candidate on BBC's The Apprentice and now a health and fitness entrepreneur and professional speaker, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity. If this had been around when I left school I wouldn't have hesitated to jump on board."

Most businesses will be eligible for government grants of between £1,500 and £3,000 towards the £6,000 annual cost of employing an apprentice.

Applicants, who must have at least maths and English GCSE at a minimum C grade, will be hand–picked by the participating businesses.

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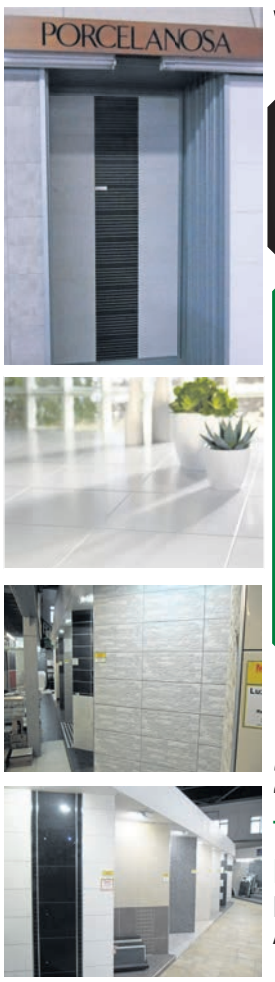

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Based in Southport, the company boasts customers from not only our region, but the whole of the U.K and even Europe.

Print is probably the main core of the business at Karbon Kopy. Offering a full range of services in this area, the company listens carefully to your requirements and will be committed to providing you with a maximum level of impact.

"It's what we do and it's what we do well," says Steve, "with all other areas of the business now building and growing, our print services is our baby and grows continuously with us."

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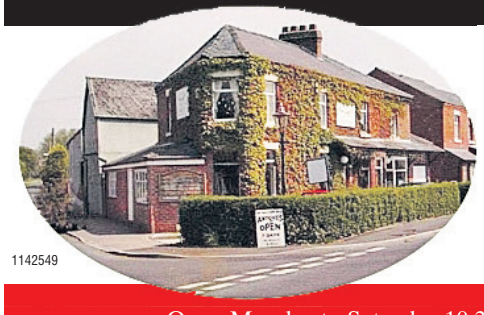

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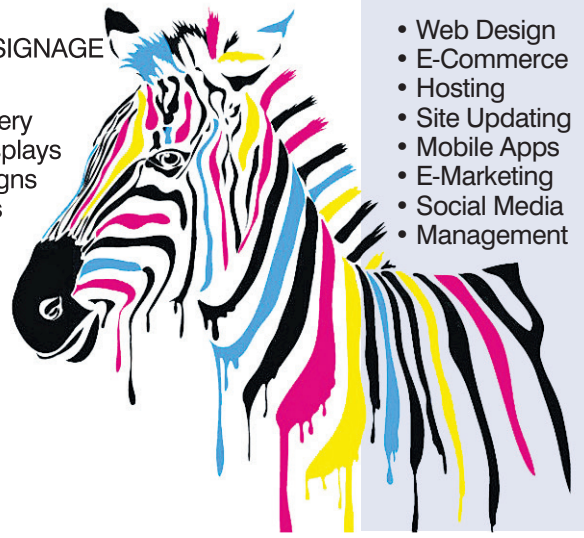

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Don't overdo the summer booze

By **Danielle Thompson**

A REFRESHING glass of wine is doubly tempting when the temperatures soar but Lancashire Care Trust are urging West Lancs residents not to over–indulge

HEALTH chiefs are urging West Lancs residents to take care not to over–indulge when drinking alcohol in the summer.

The Health Improvement Service at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust is recommending making small alcohol swaps such as having a smaller bottle over a large can or choosing a drink with lower alcohol content, to cut down on the amount of units consumed each week.

Many alcoholic drinks also have high sugar content, so cutting down can lead to weight loss as well as countless other health benefits including feeling better in the mornings, having more energy and feeling less tired during the day.

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Gareth Beck, the trust's health improvement specialist for alcohol, said: "'At a time of year when the weather gets warmer and the days are longer, a lot of us head for a social drink after work or relax in the garden with friends and family at weekends with a nice cold drink. After all, we don't get a long summer so we like to enjoy it!

"This can start off harmlessly enough but before you know it the units of alcohol you consume in a day can quickly double or even triple.

"Our team is trying to raise awareness of over–indulging this summer and the effects it can have on your body, by suggesting a few small swaps and encouraging the public to try to have two alcohol–free days a week."

The guideline units for women are 2–3 per day and 3–4 per day for men. Regularly drinking over the recommended intake, which is available at www.change4life.co.uk, can make you three times more likely to have mouth cancer and increases your risk of a stroke or heart attack.

For more information contact the Health Improvement Service on 01254358046 or visit www.lancashirecare.nhs.uk.

Time to sign up for adult learning courses

MORE than 200 courses are now open for enrolment as part of Lancashire County Council's adult learning service's autumn term programme.

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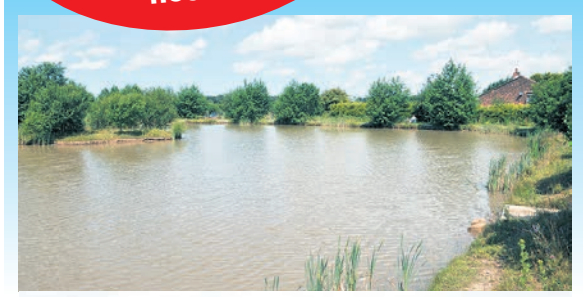

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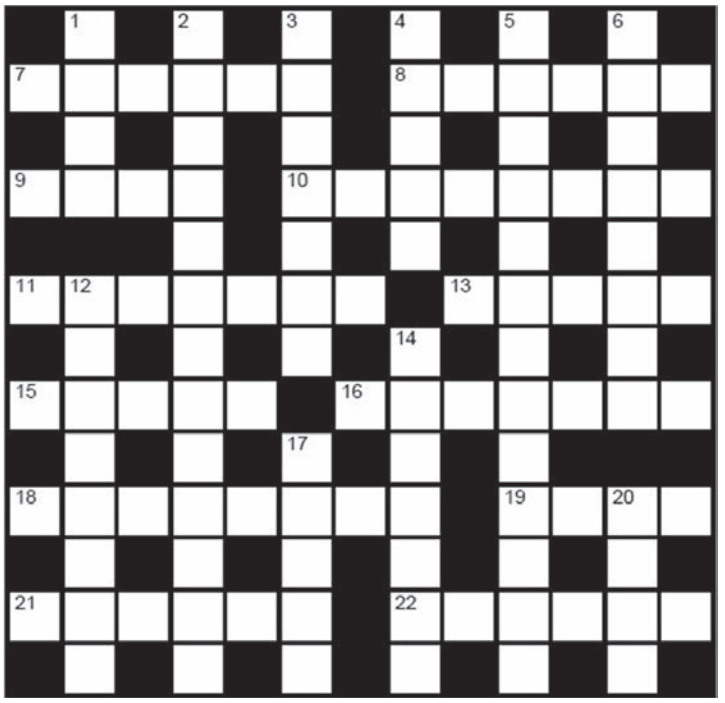

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7 Educated guess. 8 Terminal. 9 Blub. 10 Holiday. 12 Polar. 14 Itchy. 16 Wavelet. 19 Dill. 20 Naturism. 22 Shooting stars.

Down: 1 Adze. 2 Scampi. 3 Etonian. 4 Oddly. 5 Pueblo. 6 Osculate. 11 Outright. 13 Wattage. 15 Hallow. 17 Errata. 18 Snail. 21 Sari.

ACROSS

7 Trousers that only reach to the knees mainly worn in summer or when playing sport (6)
8 Penetrate (6)
9 A fit of petty annoyance (4)
10 Inhabitant (8)
11 External opening of the nasal cavity (7)
13 Chemically inactive (5)
15 Come to blows (5)
16 Intoxicating liquor (7)
18 Singular product of crying (8)
19 Fibber (4)
21 Abduct and hold for ransom (6)
22 Repressed (4-2)

DOWN

1 Archaic form of you (4)
2 Financial incentive scheme for employees (6,7)
3 Northern European country formerly part of USSR (7)
4 Period of time in history (5)
5 Indoor game in which the aim is to knock down skittles with a ball (6,7)
6 Written outline of a film, novel or play (8)
12 Fruit tree product used in cookery and salad dressing (5,3)
14 Careless errors (4-3)
17 Cow's stomach used as food (5)
20 Fever characterised by shivering fits (4)

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Garage role is just the job for Harry!

Harry Robertson with Shaw Motors' Andy Grindley

CARE home staff teamed up with a local garage to give one of their residents a day to remember as part of a community initiative scheme.

Former car salesman Harry Robertson was able to return to his former profession for the day thanks to the combined efforts of staff at Abbey Lodge care home in County Road, Ormskirk and the neighbouring Shaw Motors car sales garage.

The 74–year–old was invited to join the garage's sales team for a day as part of the home's initiative aimed at helping residents feel more included in the wider community.

As part of this, they organise days out for residents taking on their former job roles or revisiting favourite sports or hobbies.

The home's events organiser, Lesley Malone, said: "This sparks a memory for people who suffer dementia or age–related memory loss and you see that person as they were once before while they get the feeling of being useful, a part of the community and that they are doing more."

Originally from the Childwall area of Liverpool, Harry worked in a variety of other jobs as well as car sales, including at gas and electricity supplier Manweb and as head of street lighting in Liverpool.

Lesley added: "Harry has always had a love for cars and on his day with the sales team at Shaw Motors he had his own desk with his name on it.

"He also spoke to sales manager, Andy Grindley about the job roles he used to have and how many men he was in charge of. And Andy couldn't do enough for Harry, he was so lovely and helped bring back a lot of great memories from the time when Harry worked and was in charge of a team himself.

"It was lovely to see Harry getting involved, being a part of the sales team and knowing that he was helping them.

"We would like to thank Andy Grindley and the staff at Shaw Motors for creating a past work memory for Harry."

Exhibition success

MEMBERS of the Mawdesley U3A art group have held a succesful exhibition of their work ranging from wildlife and flowers, to landscapes and still lifes.

Group co–ordinator, Norman Foulds, said: "The exhibition went really well, we had many visitors to the event and our work was very well–received. We also sold work at the exhibition and most of the artists sold at least one piece."

The art group meets at Mawdesley Village Hall from 10am to noon on the third Thursday of the month and new members are always welcome. For more information call Norman on 01257 462121.

Some of Mawdesley U3A Art Group with their work **Code1083356**

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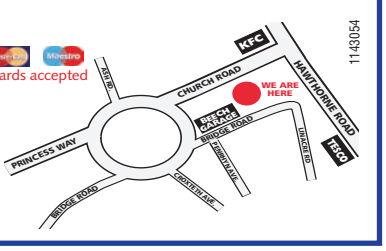

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Chance for county's youth to Make Their Mark in Commons

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

YOUNG people across Lancashire can have their say on what issues are discussed at a special session of the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) to be held in the House of Commons.

The ballot, called Make Your Mark, runs until Friday, October 9. It will give young people across the country the chance to say what issues matter most to them.

Votes can be cast online and through ballot papers issued in schools and youth centres. The result will influence what topics are debated by the Youth Parliament at the session in the House of Commons on November 10.

Local Members of Youth Parliament are working with schools, colleges, youth groups and voluntary groups in their districts to encourage young people to get involved.

Impressed

Young people will be able to choose from 10 topics on the Make Your Mark ballot paper and the five most popular topics will be discussed by MYPs in their November debate, chaired by House of Commons Speaker, John Bercow and broadcast live on BBC Parliament.

Last year, the Make Your Mark ballot surveyed the opinions of more than 32,000 young people in Lancashire.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "This is an extremely effective way of young people making their voices loud enough to be heard. I have been very impressed to see just how well Lancashire's Members of Youth Parliament have represented young people in their areas and the level of debating skills they have shown."

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson Code NA

Young people can vote online at www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/makeyourmark.

Temporary tattoo warning issued

A WARNING has been issued by the British Skin Foundation over so–called 'black henna' temporary tattoos (BHTTs) after research among dermatologists revealed they are seeing an increase in reactions at their clinics.

Parents wishing to treat their children to a temporary tattoo on holiday or at a funfair or festival may not realise the dangers of BHTT.

The majority of these tattos are not based on henna at all, but a substance called para–phenylenediamine (PPD) which is found in hair dyes. PPD is allowed for use in hair dye, but its use for skin–contact products such as temporary tattoos is illegal in the European Union.

When PPD is used on the skin in this way it can cause blistering, painful skin burns and may even lead to scarring. It can also leave the person with a lifelong sensitivity to PPD, which increases the risk of a severe allergic reaction when using hair dye in the future.

Dr Anjali Mahto, consultant dermatologist and British Skin Foundation spokesperson, said: "Black henna is well known to cause skin reactions and should be treated with caution, particularly in children."

And Dr Christopher Flower, director–general of the Cosmetic, Toiletry & Perfumery Association (CTPA), added: "The message is clear – having a 'black henna' temporary tattoo presents a significant risk of a very nasty adverse reaction to the tattoo itself.

"It also increases the risk of either not being able to use most hair dyes in the future or having a bad reaction to them if the warnings are ignored. Parents who want to keep their children safe should steer clear of so–called 'black henna' temporary tattoos."

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Borough's green gang scoop awards at Southport Flower Show

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

WEST Lancashire's green–fingered gang scooped a number of awards at the annual Southport Flower Show.

The schools Design a Garden competitionwas won by Sophie Walmsley, a pupil at Lathom St James' School in Westhead and Jessica Smith, a pupil at Holmeswood Methodist School in Rufford.

The competition was open to all junior school children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The children were asked to design an eco–friendly garden using the 2015 Southport Flower Show's theme of China.

Sophie and Jessica's winning designs were then constructed in time to go on display at the show.

The winners, their families and their teachers were invited to the show to see the gardens. Each winner's school was given £500 to enhance the school grounds and a £50 gift voucher was given to each of the winners for themselves.

The 10 runners–up, their families and teachers, were also invited to the show and received £50 for their school grounds.

The West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity support the competition.

The girls were joined by other creative West Lancs residents at the show.

Green–fingered Graeme Iddon from Hesketh Bank won the bronze award with his violas in the Amateur Growers' Pansies and Violas category, while Angela Coulton from Tarleton–based florist Petal and Twig and her colleague Louise held a display of classic British flowers grown for cutting and arrangements.

The show, the 86th, was opened by Benidorm star Sherrie Hewson, Paul Crone and Jean–Christophe Novelli.

• More flower show pictures on Page 42.

Schools Design–a–Garden competiton winner Jessica Smith of Holmeswood Methodist School with Tony Harrison (left) president of West Lancashire Freemasons Charity and top garden designer and broadcaster Joe Swift. Code1083606

Sophie Walmsley of Lathom St James School, Westhead receives her award from Tony Harrison and Joe Swift Code1083603

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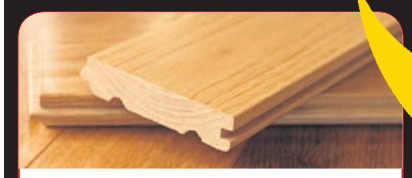

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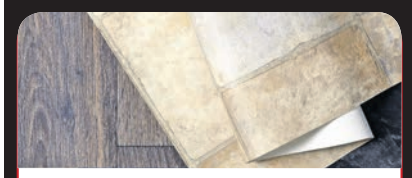

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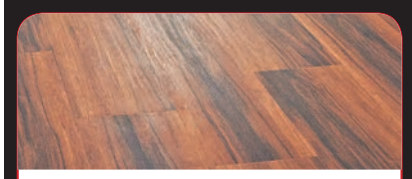

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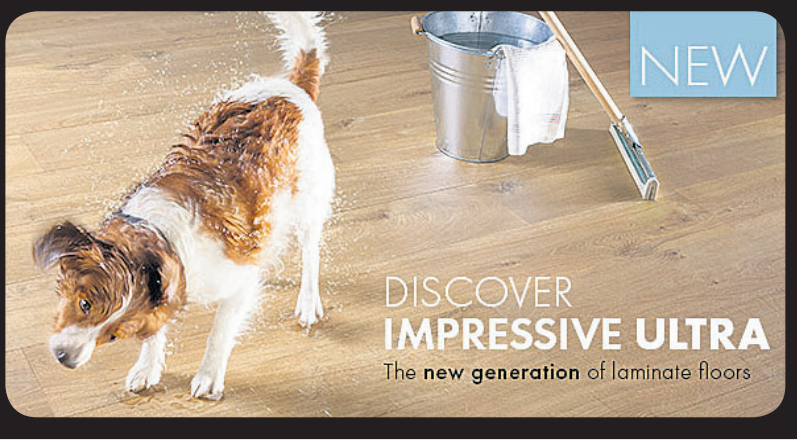

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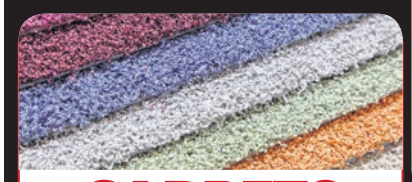

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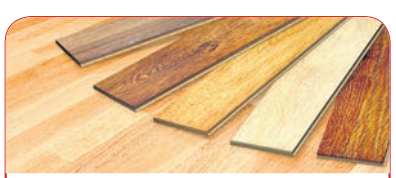

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Flower power!

• RIGHT: Angela Coulton (left) of Tarleton–based florist Petal and Twig and colleague Louise with their display at Southport Flower Show of classic British flowers grown for cutting and arrangements. Code 1083600

• BELOW: Hesketh Bank's Graeme Iddon with one of his award winning exhibits at last week's Southport Flower Show. Code 1083601

Fundraising football legends dinner

ORMSKIRK Football Club have teamed up with Liverpool FC to stage a fundraising dinner.

They are holding the LFC Derby Heroes Evening event in the Champions Suite at Anfield with John Barnes, Jimmy Case and Roy Evans on Friday, October 2.

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Lancashire Care Trust seeks new chairperson

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust is holding consultations with members of the public to choose a new chairperson.

The current chair, Derek Brown, reaches the end of his nine–year term in March 2016.

He has been a member of the trust board since 2007 and has led the board for the last three years.

Peter Ballard, the trust's deputy–chair, is leading the process to encourage members of the public to get in touch with him to share experiences they have had and offer any thoughts about what they feel is needed from the chairman.

The trust is looking for someone who has a keen interest in the public sector, who might have had experience of working with boards or held a senior management position.

The chairman's key role will be to lead the trust's board and other duties include being an ambassador to speak on the trust's behalf to partners and holding the chief executive to account.

Peter Ballard said: " 'We are looking to appoint a new chairperson who is interested in health and wellbeing services in the public sector and who will encourage us to continually grow whilst keeping quality at the heart of what we do. The chairperson is required to help us with our vision and strategy whilst driving us forward."

The position is being advertised nationally.

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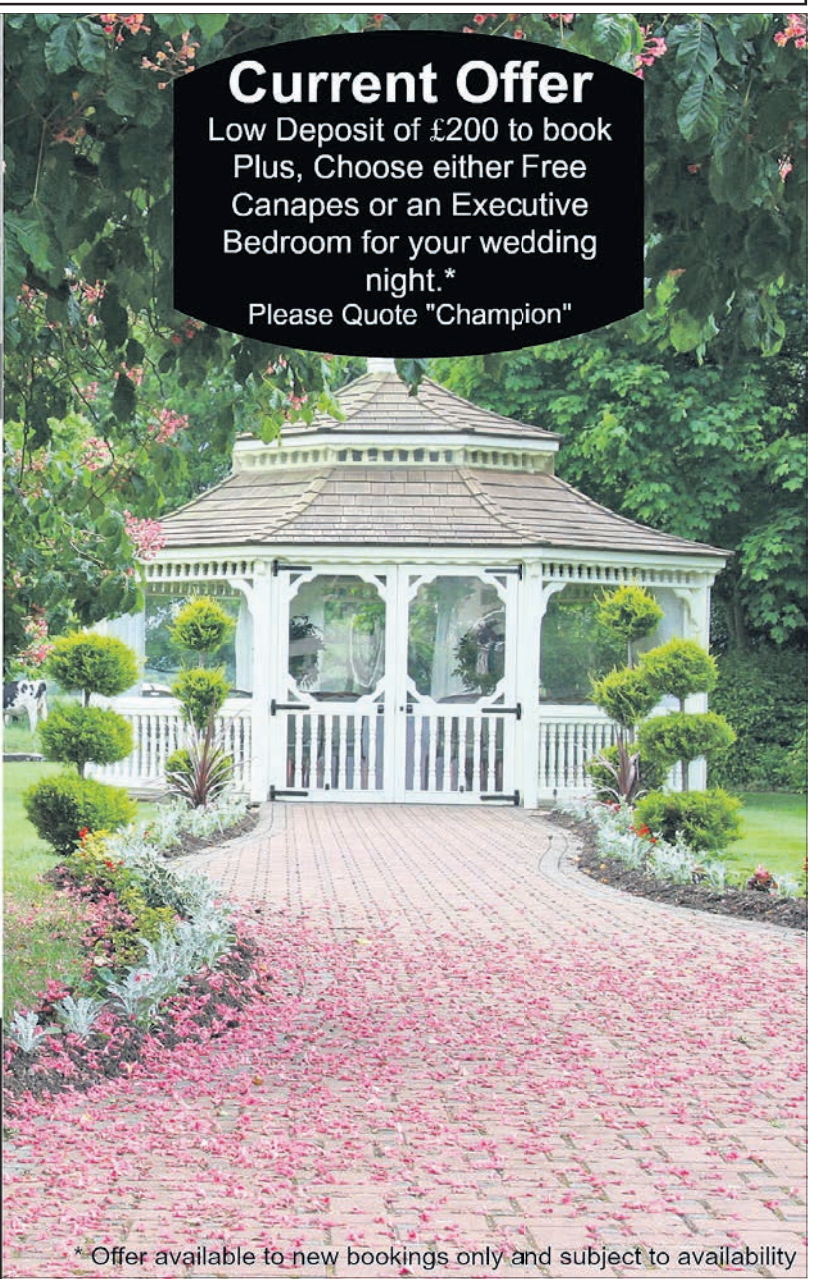
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Swamp garden designer Greg Mook welcomes Shrek and Princes Fiona. Code1083622

Dean plays his part in first day of flower show

THE ogre Shrek – played by Ormskirk's Dean Chisnall – and the Princess Fiona made an appearance at Southport Flower Show's opening day on Thursday, August 20.

The characters of Shrek The Musical could be seen throughout the day as part of the celebrations of the opening of Southport's annual flower show, ahead of the production's run at Liverpool Empire Theatre from November 26 – December 6.

Douglas Music to launch its new season

DOUGLAS Music, Parbold, launches its 2015–16 season on Saturday, September 12 at 7.45pm at the Auditorium, Parbold Village Hall.

First on the agenda will be Southport's Swingshift Big Band, who under the musical direction of Phil Shotton, will play and tell The Big Band Story, from the 1930's to the present day in two hours.

The concert will also feature Douglas Music's recently acquired 2000 Steinway Concert Grand that has already has a distinguished career at the Barbican Hall, London.

Saxophonist, Phil Shotton will lead Southport's Swingshift Big Band, in telling the exciting musical journey of the evolution of big band music across the last 75 years, including music from Glenn Miller, Ted Heath, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Stan Kenton, Buddy Rich, Phil Collins, Gordon Goodwin and Mark Robson.

Starting with Benny Goodman's 1934 Stompin at the Savoy, the audience will hear such classics as Glenn Miller's In the Mood and Philidelphia 65000 through to Duke Ellington's Satin Doll, Quincy Jones's Soul Bossa Nova, to Gordon Goodwin's Ever Braver Ever Stronger and Phil Collins's Against all odds.

Swingshift Big Band, from its foundation in 2000, is hot from the Wigan International Jazz Festival and has potential concerts in Greece lined up for 2016.

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Swingshift performs in major national and international Jazz festivals and is held in high regard among many of the best jazz performers on the UK scene today, like saxophonist, Alan Barnes, who has twice performed in Douglas Music's seasons.

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Swingshift has performed in major national and international Jazz festivals, and also regularly play at big band and jazz clubs performing a varied selection of big band music. This Douglas Music concert chimes with big band music appearing at the 2015 BBC Proms.

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Cult classic to be streamed live to Atkinson in September

RICHARD O'Brien's musical extravaganza The Rocky Horror Show Live is to be streamed live to The Atkinson on Thursday, September 17.

Comedy legend Stephen Fry, Great British Bake Off host Mel Giedroyc and Spice Girl Emma Bunton are the first celebrities to be announced as special guest stars in the Gala Charity Performance of The Rocky Horror Show Live at London's Playhouse Theatre.

They will join the creator of The Rocky Horror Show, Richard O'Brien, on stage for one night only as all four of them take their turn performing the role of 'The Narrator'.

This Gala performance, in aid of Amnesty International, is the highlight of 11 special performances of The Rocky Horror Show at The Playhouse from September 11–19, all starring Richard O'Brien. Tickets for these shows were in such high demand that they sold out in less than 72 hours.

Sir Howard Panter said: "We are thrilled with the unprecedented demand for this special production of the Rocky Horror Show. This will be the world's opportunity to see stars like Stephen Fry, Mel Giedroyc and Emma Bunton up on stage along with the show's creator Richard O'Brien in what promises to be an unmissable cinema event."

Stephen Fry added: "I've been a devoted fan of The Rocky Horror Show for most of my life and I have been proud to support the incredible work of Amnesty International for just as long, so to be joining Richard and the cast on stage for this special evening is a dream come true."

Emma Bunton commented: "I am so excited about being involved in the legendary Rocky Horror Show."

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HOWARD
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PEASLAND
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Rita and family wish to sincerely thank all the lovely people who attended the funeral of her son Howard on Tuesday 18th August and for the support and prayers of others who sent their condolences.

It was a moving celebration of his life and we appreciate the kindness of all and the beautiful flowers.

Should you wish to make a monetary donation, these will be forwarded by me to the North West Air Ambulance Service.

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IN MEMORIAM

Greenwood
Anthony

Lost at sea
August 24th 1986

We think of you with love each day.
Things you used to do and say.
They bring a smile they bring a tear,
a constant wish that you were here.
Loved always
Mum Dad & family

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Howard
Brenda

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26 August 2015
In Memory
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Love from Lorraine

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Forever in our hearts.

Love from Amy, Damien and Olivia

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DEATHS

DALTON William Eric (Eric)

Passed away peacefully on 19th August 2015, of Southport, aged 80 years

Dearly loved Husband of the late Pat, much loved dad of Susan, Philip, Christine, Maureen and Alan, devoted Grandad to all his Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren. Loved & Missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Lord Street, Southport, on Thursday 27th August at 11.30am, followed by Interment at St. Johns Church, Crossens. Family flowers only by request but donations if so desired for Ward 15, Aintree Hospital. Donations & further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a Liverpool Road North, Burscough tel: 01704 891555

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DEATHS

Martin Joseph

To Grandad and
Great Grandad.
Our Grandad is the
brightest star in
the sky,
when it gets cloudy.
We cannot see
the star,
but always thinking
of you.
Love and kisses
and hugs.
All the Grandchildren
and Great
Grandchildren.
(by Alfie age 5)

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DEATHS

Blakeman Roderick (Rod)

15th August 2015

Peacefully at home. Aged 88 years.

Loving husband of the late Doreen (Decd). Devoted dad of Alan, Stephen and Pamela, dear father in law of Cath, Elaine and Stephen, cherished grandad of Daniel, Heidi, Adam and Sam. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 27th August at 2.40pm. Flowers or donations for the British Heart Foundation are gratefully accepted. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868.

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DEATHS

Van Der Merwe Pieter

August 23rd 2015 Aged 37

With great sadness & regret we announce the death of Pieter. Pieter was dearly loved and will be sadly missed by all his family and friends in Burscough and South Africa.

With love
from all the family.

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DEATHS

Dr. John Campbell

15th August 2015
Died peacefully in hospital, aged 91

Beloved husband to Gladys, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather, he will be sadly missed. Funeral at St Jeromes on Thursday 27th at 1pm

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PRAYER

Novena

Dear heart of Jesus,
in the past I have asked
you for many favours.
This time I ask you for
this special one.
(mention request)

Take it dear Jesus
and place it in your own
broken heart where
Your Father sees it.
Then in his merciful
eyes it will become
Your Favour, not mine.

Amen

Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and the favour will be granted.

J.H.

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DEATHS

Martin Joseph Edward

on 18th August 2015

Peacefully in hospital surrounded by his loving family aged 80 years.

Loving husband of Muriel, devoted dad of Maureen, Colin, Paula ,Russ and Kevin, cherished grandad and great grandad, will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and neighbours. Funeral service will take place at St. Helen's Crematorium on Friday 28th August at 12.30pm. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane tel: 01695 559868.

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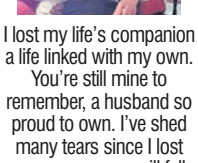
DEATHS

Joseph Edward Martin

Passed away 18/8/2015



I lost my life's companion
a life linked with my own.
You're still mine to
remember, a husband so
proud to own. I've shed
many tears since I lost
you, many more will fall.
You took my happiness
with you, the happiest
hours of all. You were
simply the best.
Heartbroken wife Muriel.
Good night,
God bless I will always
love you
XXXXXX

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DEATHS

Lloyd Ronald (Ronnie)

19th August 2015

Loving husband of Vera, devoted dad of Stephen, Jeanette, Tony and Ronnie, cherished grandad of Lily and Molly. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Requiem Mass will take place at St. Mary Queen of Apostles Church Skelmersdale on Wednesday 2nd September at 10.45am. Followed by committal at St. Helens Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for the Royal Liverpool Hospital (I.C.U. Department). All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868

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DEATHS

Wilkinson June

on 15th August 2015, peacefully aged 80 years

Loving wife of the late Bill (decd), devoted and treasured sister of Bobby (decd) and Pat, dear sister in law, cherished auntie and a friend to many, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Helens Crematorium on Friday 28th August at 2.00pm. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for the RSPCA. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868.

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DEATHS

Martin Joe

To Dad
In the quiet of the
evening we sit and
think of you,
For all the
conversations and
laughter that kept us up
till two,
With your Pale Ale
Bitter mix and your
ready salted crisps,
We will raise our glass
to you and with a tot of
whiskey too.

Rest in Peace DAD,
Love you always.
Maureen Colin, Paula
Russ & Kevin.

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DEATHS

RYLANDS RONALD DAVID "DAVE"

19th August 2015

Aged 86 years. Suddenly but peacefully at home.

Beloved husband of Jean, much loved dad to Cath, Jayne and Ian, father-in-law to Geoff, Peter and Becky, loving grandad to all his nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A true gentleman who will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 2nd September at 1:30pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for British Heart Foundation. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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PRAYER

DEAR SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In the past I have asked
for many favours.
This time I ask for
one special favour.
(mention it)

Take it dear heart of
Jesus and place it
within your own broken
heart where your Father
sees it. Then in his
merciful eyes it will
become your favour,
not mine.

Amen

Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and your favour will be granted. Never to be failed.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(A5209 SQUARE LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle, or cycle from proceeding over that length of A5209 Square Lane from its junction with Richmond Avenue to its junction with Junction Lane, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

A5209 Square Lane – A59 Liverpool Road South – B5241 Junction Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable a new sewer connection to be made.

The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 24th August 2015 until 1700 hours Friday 11th September 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRT/08/15/107/ARH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HIGGINS LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Higgins Lane, Burscough from its junction with A59 Liverpool Road South to its junction with Crabtree Lane, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

A59 Liverpool Road South - A59 Liverpool Road North – Orrell Lane – Crabtree Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable essential carriageway patching works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours until 1700 hours on Thursday 27th August 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: LHS/BS/08/127/ARH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(STATION ROAD LEVEL CROSSING, STATION ROAD, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle, cycle or pedestrian from proceeding over that length of Station Road, Parbold for a distance of 20 metres either side of the Station Road Level Crossing, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic, cyclists & pedestrians affected by the closure is via: -

The Common – B5246 Lancaster Lane – A5209 Alder Lane – Mill Lane – Station Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow essential level crossing engineering works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative as follows,
i. nightly from 2110 hours until 0600 hours on Monday 7th September 2015 until Friday 11th September 2015,
ii. from 0010 hours until 0540 hours on Monday 14th September 2015,
iii. from 0010 hours until 0540 hours on Monday 5th October 2015 or, until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: LHS/BS/8/108/ARH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(CHORLEY ROAD, HILLDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Chorley Road, from its junction with Robin Lane to its junction with Bentley Lane, Hilldale, in the Borough of West Lancashire

An alternative route for all vehicular traffic affected by the prohibition is as follows;

Bannister Lane – Whittle Lane – Highmoor Lane – Robin Hood Lane – A5209 Hall Lane – A5209 Sparrow Hill – A5209 Parbold Hill – B5246 Lancaster Lane – B5246 Chorley Road and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative daily from 0800 hours until 1700 hours on Monday 24th August 2015 to Friday 11th September 2015 or until completion of the works within this period

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/08/15/285/ARH]

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West Lancashire Borough Council

REVENUE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2016-2017

West Lancashire Borough Council is inviting Voluntary Organisations based in West Lancashire to apply for one year revenue funding commencing 1 April 2016. Applicants must fulfil the following eligibility criteria:-

- Be a 'not for profit' organisation with charitable objectives which include: registered charities, voluntary organisations, community interest companies, social enterprises that operate for public benefit etc.
- Be based in West Lancashire and provide services/ activities for the sole benefit of West Lancashire residents with the funding awarded
- Have a constitution or other governing document and have a governing body whose membership reflect and contain representative proportion of people who live and work in West Lancashire
- Have a bank account in the name of the organisation/ group etc.
- Have the necessary policies and procedures that fulfil legal requirements e.g. current financial statements, health & safety, equality opportunities, insurance, safeguarding, data protection etc.
- Have a sufficient Business Plan

Applications can be obtained by:-

Contacting Sue Griffiths, Principal Member Services Officer, West Lancashire Borough Council, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk L39 2DF. Telephone: **01695 585097** or e-mail **susan.griffiths@westlancs.gov.uk**

Or by visiting the Council's website – **http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/more/yourcommunity/grants-to-voluntary-groups.aspx**

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:
Friday 18 September 2015

Gill Rowe
Kim Webber
Managing Directors Dated: 21 August 2015

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/0846/FUL Variation of Condition Nos 1, 8, and 10 imposed on planning permission 2015/0409/FUL to allow the plan references 224E and 225B; the additional construction of the landscape mounds shown on plan references 224E and 225B; and the additional levels of the landscape mounds as shown on plan references 224E and 225B at West Lancs Cemetery And Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/0778/LBC Listed Building Consent - Conversion of an existing agricultural barn into 2 No. two storey dwellings at Barn, Lowes Farm, Lowes Lane, Newburgh.

Application No: 2015/0812/FUL Erection of 7 No. apartments (6 No. 2 bed and 1 No. 3 bed) situated in two blocks over two storeys at Land To The South East Of 20, Delphside Close, Orrell.

Application No: 2015/0849/FUL Demolition of two dwelling houses and associated outbuilings and erection of one detached dwelling at Land South Of Entrance To Pilkington Technology Centre, Hall Lane, Lathom.

Application No: 2015/0877/COU Conversion of an existing agricultural barn into 2 no. two storey dwellings at Barn, Lowes Farm, Lowes Lane, Newburgh.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 26th August 2015
Assistant Director Planning PDNOT858

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You already know you can go out and buy a Volkswagen Beetle, a Fiat 500 and a MINI but you'd be surprised at how many people make a living out of giving you an even more hardcore hit of nostalgia.

That's why Triumph will sell you a Bonneville that to casual motorcycle fans looks and feels almost exactly like something that lapped the TT circuit half a century ago, managing directors hitch up Airstream caravans to the back of their Range Rover Sports and tickets to the Goodwood Revival sell out in half a second.

Naturally, there are plenty of car companies who'll sell you a slice of the sort of nostalgia where it's got to feel as well as look the part. You'd think Morgan would have this niche pretty much to itself but there are also companies who will sell you replicas of Jaguar XK120s and importers who can source you a brand new Lada Niva straight from Russia.

Yet I reckon the specialists are missing a trick. There are lots of companies who are fulfilling the pent–up nostalgia of people who want a classic British sports car that happens to be brand new but what about the thousands of us who spent their youth pulling hot hatches out of hedges?

In the past few weeks I've driven the Ford Fiesta and the Volkswagen Golf in the lithe MkI guises their late 1970s creators intended, and they handle and steer so much more crisply than their modern day equivalents. Today's hot hatches are brilliant, but even a modern day Fiesta ST doesn't have the flyweight fun factor of the old XR2.

If you can buy what's effectively a showroom fresh Jaguar XK120 or a brand new Lotus Seven, why can't you get a brand new Fiesta XR2 or Clio Williams? The teenagers who grew up with Sam Fox rather than Diana Dors are going to want their nostalgia hit soon enough – and it's hot hatches, not sports cars, they grew up with.

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David to judge at MotorFest

CHAMPION motoring correspondent David Simister is one of the judges at a new concours at the Ormskirk MotorFest this Sunday.

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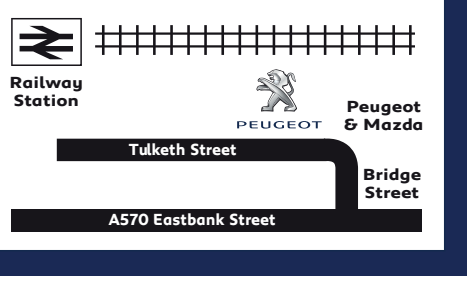

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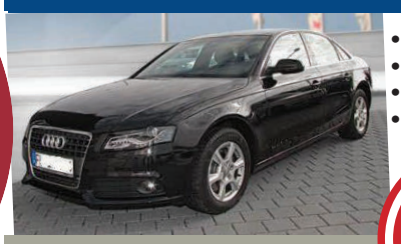

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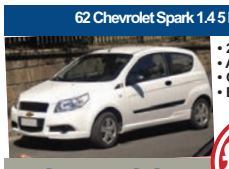

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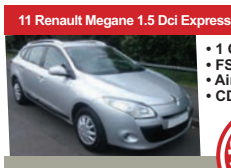

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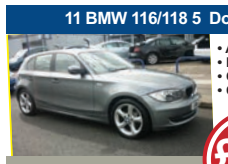

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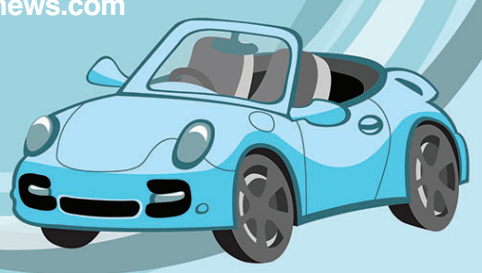

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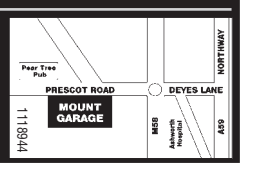

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Home defeat blow to Ormskirk title bid

Cricket round–up

ORMSKIRK'S title hopes in the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division suffered a body blow when they went down at home to Formby.

The visitors won the toss and took first knock but were bowled out for just 126, with Dane Currency (6–39) starring with the ball for the home men.

But even that total proved too much for Ormskirk who were shot out for 62 with only opener Andy Baybutt (13) and Michael Jones (10) managing to reach double figures as Gary Keedy claimed 4–11.

In the Second Division leaders Burscough returned to winning ways at Birkenhead St Mary's.

The visitors won the toss and put the home side in with Jon Stone taking 5–65 as St Mary's were bowled out for 171.

Brendan Domigan (98) led the way in the Burscough reply before agonisingly being run out just two short of his ton, but Navdeep Aujila (30 n.o.) and Stone (6 n.o.) steered their side home to 174–3 and a seven–wicket victory.

Meanwhile Skelmersdale managed to grab a three–wicket victory in a low–scoring affair against Parkfield Liscard at Firswood Park.

The home side won the toss and elected to field with Muhammed Adeel Baig taking 7–37 as the visitors were skittled out for just 73.

In reply Skelmersdale also found it tough going with only Anthony Morrison (37) making any impression with the bat before they eventually squeezed home on 77–7.

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Mitchley magic keeps Skem on top

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Skem players congratulate scorer Dan Mitchley. Photo by Jackson Images

Skelmersdale United 1
Halesowen Town 0

UNITED maintained their maximum point start to the season with this hard–fought victory on Saturday.

On a hot day, facing a team not equipped for open football, Skem needed a bit of something different to capture the points and they got it in the form of a tremendous finish by striker Dan Mitchley.

Completing a hat–trick of sorts (three goals in the opening three games) Mitchley struck the only goal of the game with a delicately placed chip over the Halesowen goalkeeper in the 29th minute that gave the home supporters something memorable to take home with them.

The first quarter–hour of the game said plenty about what was to follow, especially in the second–half, as the teams completely cancelled each other out. However, things did spring into life for 20 minutes or so after the 15–minute mark.

Anthony Hickey had a goal–ward header blocked then in the 16th minute he was fould on the edge of the penalty area with Louis Corrigan's ensuing free–kick going just wide.

Halesowen responded with a free–kick on their own by Aaron Griffiths but home goalkeeper Martin Fearon saw off the effort.

In the 22nd minute a mazy run own the left by Ged Kinsella resulted in a dangerous cross that no home player could convert.

The crucial period that decided the game arrived in the 27th minute.

Halesowen won another free–kick on the edge of the Skem area with Isaac Cooper firing the ball inches past Fearon's right–hand post.

From the goal–kick the ball went to Tony Rendell and he picked out a 50–yard ball down the right to the on–the–run Mitchley who cut inside held off a defender and lifted the ball from an angle over the advancing Halesowen keeper Matthew Sergeant and under the crossbar with a great piece of finishing.

Skem still had most of the possession, but Halesowen did test Fearon once more, the keeper fisting away George McGee's shot from an acute angle in the 35th minute.

The second half was not the most entertaining spectacle but you always got the impression that Skem had the upper hand despite Halesowen arguably having slightly more of the play.

Goalkeeper Sergeant got into a tangle with a ball that was allowed to run through to him on 48 minutes and some say he finished up handling the ball outside the penalty area although it was impossible to state conclusively.

In the 71st minute Halesowen substitute Elikem Amenku shot wide after a poor headed clearance and in the latter stages down at the clubhouse end Mitchley saw a shot deflected for a corner.

But that was the sum total of second period goalmouth action, Skem keeper Fearon not having a save to make as Halesowen were completely shut out.

Lawson's men face tough double–header

HAVING won their opening three league games, Tommy Lawson's Skelmersdale United face a busy weekend, as they are scheduled to play at home to Stourbridge on Saturday before going to Marine on Bank Holiday, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

The aim will be to maintain the wonderful start that sees them one of only two teams in the Evo–Stik Premier still with maximum points but neither game is an easy one.

Stourbridge, considered one of the bigger teams in the division whose their healthy gates theoretically allow them a good playing budget, will definitely be looking to improve on a record that has seen them win one, draw one and lose two. However, the crowd at Stormy Corner could be in for a goal fest as Stourbridge's four games to have generated a huge 18 goals – seven scored and 11 conceded.

Monday, meanwhile, sees Skem travel to Crosby to face Marine in a Bank Holiday derby.

The Mariners always give Skem a real battle at their own ground and have five points from four games, having registered their first win in good style 2–0 at Hyde United on Monday evening.

Andy Paxton

Anyone planning to attend on Saturday is reminded of the cut–price offer to holders of other clubs' season tickets – bring it along and get entrance for a fiver.

The FA Cup always brings a story and that's certainly case on Skem's draw for the 1st qualifying round when they face an away trip to either Glossop North End or Prescot Cables who meet next Saturday. Both possible ties have a level of intrigue about them.

Glossop reached Wembley in last seasons FA Vase Final so are well versed in cup–tie football.

However, a meeting at Prescot could have even bigger connotations as it was announced earlier this week that former Skem and Southport player, Neil Prince, had stood down as Cables manager. His replacement is present Skem coach, Andy Paxton.

Andy has spent five years on the coaching staff at Skelmersdale and has been a vital part of Tommy Lawson's 'inner sanctum' so to have the two in opposing dug–outs will be interesting, to say the least and give the tie some real spice.

Speaking yesterday Tommy Lawson said of Andy Paxton's move to Prescot: "I am very pleased for him, he has been an important member of staff here and a good friend, he is ideal for the job because he is very knowledgeable and will also have a wealth of contacts for players. I really do wish him well."

Speaking about the possible cup draw, Tommy smiled and added: "Isn't it funny what ironic possibilities football often throws up."

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